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Attorney Docket No. 15280W003000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Hyun K. Kim, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/526,855

Filed: March 17, 2000

For: STRUCTURAL MODIFICATION OF 19-NORPROGESTERONE I: 17- α -SUBSTITUTED-11- β -SUBSTITUTED-4-ARYL AND 21-SUBSTITUTED 19-NORPREGNADIENEDIONE AS NEW ANTIPROGESTATIONAL AGENTS

Examiner: B. Badio

Art Unit: 1616

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 31, 2000, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-49, drawn to compounds and compositions.

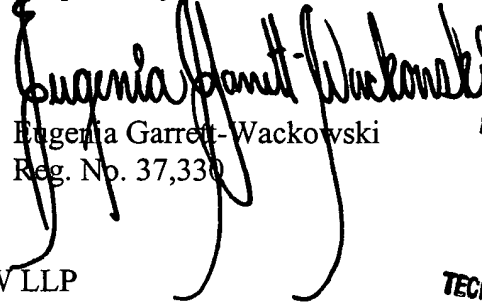
The foregoing election is made with traverse. Examination of the subject matter recited in the claims of Groups I-XII would not place a substantially greater burden on the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the Restriction Requirement and to consider claims 1-60 together in the present case.

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If the Examiner has any questions regarding Applicants' election, or if the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (415) 576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,


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